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1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization for \$1,080.00 to cover the Request for Oral Hearing fee;
2. Request for Oral Hearing Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences; and
3. Reply Brief Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.41.

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